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NEW SOUTHRIDGE BUS SERVICE IS NOW IN PLACE, INCLUDING A NEW STOP ON THE SOUTH OUTSIDE MACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE SERVING ROUTES 64 AND 76

Milwaukee County Transit Service has begun to provide service to new bus stops at Southridge Mall, Supervisor Patricia Jursik said today.

The newly placed stops include one that will eliminate the walk through the parking lot and across the busy service road outside the Sears Store. The north stop for Routes 55 and 14 will provide a straight pedestrian walk from the drop off point just north of the Sears Store with a direct walk to Sears which is approximately 250 feet closer than the prior location, eliminating the need to cross busy traffic lanes and walk through the parking lot. The second new stop is outside the Macy's Store.

The maps on the public timetables for bus routes 64 and 76 that now serve the new south bus stop near Macy's have been updated and can be viewed at <http://www.ridemcts.com/routes-schedules>. The newly printed versions are available to the public and the revised timetables with maps are also on-line. The large shelter on the north side of Southridge will be removed from the old bus stop and moved to the new bus stop location as of today. In addition, a new shelter will be installed at the new bus stop location on the south side near Macy's and is also scheduled for today.

Southridge management, Simon Property Group, of Indianapolis, moved regular bus stops at the mall entrance on Nov. 1, 2013, requiring people to walk 1,000 ft. from the replacement bus stop to the mall entrance. The new stops will be closer to the mall but will not replace the former stop at the mall entrance.

Jursik said the new stops were part of a compromise with Southridge management.

"While this is a compromise that addresses many of the safety concerns regarding pedestrians walking through traffic lanes, it is still a longer walk from the prior direct service to the doors at Sears for the routes 55 and 14 users," Jursik said. "The new south stop near Macy's for routes 64 and 76 are a welcome addition. I call on Southridge management to ensure good snow and ice removal for these walkways to make sure that this is indeed a safe stop for our bus passengers."

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